

REMARKS

Claims 4 and 11 have been canceled.

Information disclosure statement. In the applicant's response filed November 13, 2004, the undersigned asked that the Examiner consider a reference WO 03/091887 A1, listed on a substitute Form 1449 which was enclosed with that November 13, 2004 response. With that response of November 13, 2004, the undersigned paid \$180 for the Information Disclosure Statement. The USPTO received the \$180 payment for the Information Disclosure Statement. In addition, with that response of November 13, 2004, the undersigned provided an authorization to charge a Deposit Account for any needed fees. Finally, on November 26, 2004, the undersigned personally telephoned the Examiner to point out that an IDS had been filed and needed to be considered. The undersigned left a telephone message about this.

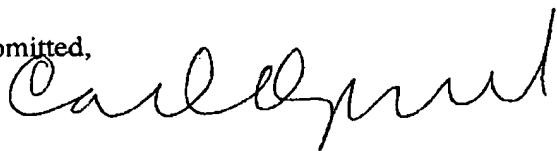
Despite this, the Office Action dated January 25, 2005 did not provide an initialed and signed copy of the substitute Form 1449. It is not clear whether the Examiner considered the reference. It is urgently requested that the Examiner immediately consider the reference and provide the initialed and signed substitute Form 1449 to the applicant. An extra copy of the substitute Form 1449 is attached for the Examiner's convenient reference.

Subject matter already found to be allowable. The Examiner has allowed claims 9-10 and 12-14.

Newly presented claim relating to Fig. 4. New claim 15 has been added which is intended to claim more particularly the embodiment of Fig. 4.

Reconsideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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By the initials and signature below, the Examiner indicates that the cited reference has been considered.

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